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In re the Application

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract in the application with the abstract attached to this amendment (ATTACHMENT I).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as shown below. A set of claims marked up to show the changes is attached (ATTACHMENT II).

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1 (Amended) A composite aluminium panel comprising two parallel plates and/or sheets secured to the peaks and troughs of a corrugated aluminium stiffener sheet between the parallel plates and/or sheets, wherein the corrugated aluminium stiffener sheet is made from an aluminium alloy rolled sheet of composition (in weight percent):

Mg 1.5 - 6.0

Mn 0.3 - 1.4

Zn 0.4 - 5.0

Fe up to 0.5

Si up to 0.5